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Sir:

The Examiner in charge of the above-identified application telephoned applicants' representatives on June 27, 2008 to communicate a restriction requirement between Group I (claims 1-34) and Group II (claims 35-43).

In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on July 10, 2008 to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-34, in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

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